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SUBJECT: CYPRUS REACTIONS TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS FOURTH ROUND

1. SUMMARY: FAIGARE OF ROUND FOUR HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS AS INEVITABLE WITH EACH SIDE TRYING TO BLAME THE OTHER. GREEKS HAVE QUICKLY SET THEIR SIGHTS ON UNGA. TURKS SHOWING SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE FEELING OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD. LYSSARIDES' PRESS HAS PREDICTABLY ATTACKED CLERIDES IN "I TOLD YOU SO" VEIN. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS TAKES FAILURE OF FOURTH ROUND AS PREDICTABLE IN VIEW PRE-NEW YORK REPORTS THAT DENKTASH WOULD NOT SUBMIT "INTEGRATED PROPOSALS." DENKTASH MUCH CRITICIZED FOR FAILURE LIVE UP TO HIS VIENNA III COMMITMENTS. WALDHEIM ALSO CENSURED FOR NOT SPECIFICALLY SAYING IN UN STATEMENT THAT FAILURE OF NEW YORK TALKS DUE SOLELY TO DENKTASH'S REFUSAL PRODUCE PROPOSALS.
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3. GREEK PRESS NOW CONCENTRATING ON UNGA AND POSSIBLE PRIOR SC MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH SYG'S SUBMISSION OF INTERIM REPORT SEPTEMBER 15. AS REPORTED SEPTEL MAKARIOS NOW PLANS ADDRESS UNGA ON CYPRUS PROBLEM AND CYPRUS DELEGATION WILL NOW ACT GET CYPRUS PROBLEM INSCRIBED ON UNGA AGENDA. ALL GREEK PRESS FAVOR THESE MOVES AND CALL ON UN TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON TURKEY TO ENFORCE LAST YEAR'S UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS; ALSO CALL ON WALDHEIM TO MAKE CLEAR IN HIS REPORT TO SC THAT TURKS TO BLAME FOR LACK OF PROGRESS.

4. PRO-CLERIDES AGON SAYS GREEK CYPRIOTS MUST TAKE PROBLEM TO UNGA BUT ADDS GOC MUST ALSO APPROACH U.S., UK, USSR AND EC-9 FOR ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA HAS CRITICIZED CLERIDES FOR LETTING TALKS DRAG ON WITHOUT TURK CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHEN BETTER APPROACH WOULD BE "LONG-TERM STRUGGLE."

5. CONJUNCTION OF NEW YORK TALKS, DIPLOMATIC SET-BACKS IN HELSINKI AND LIMA, CONTINUING ARMS EMBARGO, RECENT EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INQUIRY, UPCOMING UNGA, AND CURRENT VISIT TO CYPRUS OF BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO INVESTIGATE CYPRUS SITUATION HAVE LEFT TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP FEELING ISOLATED, MISUNDERSTOOD, OUTMATCHED BY GREEK PROPAGANDA, AND DETERMINED TO DIG IN THEIR HEELS AND GO IT ALONE IF NECESSARY. PRESS HAS ECHOED DENKTASH THEME THAT FAILURE IN NEW YORK DUE SOLELY TO GREEKS BEING MORE INTERESTED IN MAKING PROPAGANDA TO INFLUENCE ARMS VOTE AND PREPARING FOR UNGA THAN IN DISCUSSING PROBLEMS WITH UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD WILL. TURKISH CYPRIOTS, CONVINCED THAT CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS BEEN DE FACTO SOLVED AND THAT TIME IS INDEFINITELY ON THEIR SIDE, REFLECT SENSE THAT THERE NO URGENCY ABOUT REACHING AGREED SOLUTION AND TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS SHOULD NOT BE MADE.
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